

REMARKS

Claims 1-8, 17-26, 28, 31, and 32 are pending, with claims 1 and 17 being independent. Claims 9-16, 27, 29, and 30 have been cancelled. Claim 1 has been amended. No new subject matter has been added.

Support for amendment to Claim 1 can be found at least in the text of allowed Claim 17. In particular, information which was listed on page 5 of the instant Office Action as not being disclosed by prior art of record has been added by amendment to Claim 1.

ALLOWED MATERIAL

Applicant thanks the Office for finding allowed material in Claims 17-28.

CLAIM REJECTIONS - 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

Claims 1-8, 31, and 32 are rejected as being anticipated by Lee et al. (US 6,374,177), hereinafter "Lee."

Herein, features from allowed Claim 17 have been added by amendment to Claim 1. The added features were indicated on page 3 of the instant Office Action to NOT be taught or suggested by the prior art of record. With the inclusion of this allowable material, Applicant submits that Claim 1 is now in condition for allowance.

Claims 2-8, 31 and 32 depend from now allowable Claim 1. Hence, these dependent claims are believed to be allowable by virtue of their dependence from allowable base Claim 1.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above listed amendments and remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims is solicited.

Should the Examiner have a question regarding the instant amendment and response, the Applicant invites the Examiner to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

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